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Sunday Liturgy: Saturday, 5:00 pm; Sunday, 9:00 am & 6:00 pm
Daily Liturgy: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday, 8:00 am
Eucharistic Adoration:
Wednesday, 8:00 am - 6:30 pm, with Reconciliation from 5:30 - 6:30 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturday, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Gatherings of Grace

Our parish has an intergenerational model of faith formation to encourage lifelong learning for all ages called Gatherings of Grace. All generations meet together the second Wednesday of each month, September through May.

Bulletin Announcements

Please email bulletin@olbh.org by noon on Tuesday for the following Sunday bulletin.

Introduction to the Gospel of Matthew

In order to understand Matthew's gospel better, it is helpful to recall that the first Christians were convinced that Jesus' Second Coming and the end of the world would occur in their lifetime. So, as a result, at first they were not really concerned about passing on the Good News to future generations. However, as decades passed and most of the original followers had died (and the end of the world had not happened!), there was a concern about having a more permanent record of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus-something written that could be passed on. Consequently, in the 70s, 80s and 90s the gospels were written. They were accounts of what Jesus did and said, based on the memory and lived experience of a particular community of his followers.

What each gospel writer put into his account was governed by the needs, the problems, and the trials and challenges of the community for which they were writing. The Gospel of Matthew was probably written by a Jewish scribe, a person who was very familiar with the Hebrew Scriptures. He was writing for the Jewish followers of Jesus who had continued to attend the synagogue regularly their religion was still the Jewish religion, with belief in Christ and his teachings a further revelation of their inherited beliefs and traditions. Then around the year AD 70 (when the city of Jerusalem was completely destroyed by the Romans and the Pharisees took over as the ruling group), the Jewish Christians were expelled from the synagogue and treated like enemies of the Jewish God. These Jewish Christians did not understand why God had allowed their city and temple to be completely destroyed so that "not a stone remained on a stone." They were told by these same Pharisee leaders that not only was Jesus of Nazareth not the Son of God but he was a sinner who violated the Sabbath and other Jewish practices. Matthew "answers" this charge by presenting Jesus as the new Moses who, for example, came out of Egypt to lead his people and who gave a new covenant on the Mount of the Beatitudes.

Taken from *Living Liturgy 20011* - Liturgical Press

(More to follow next week)

SPROUT

Our sprout has sprung---come see it in the church basement. Each leaf represents a child learning about his/her faith at home with a family member. When our sprout reaches 50 leaves we earn a new children's book for our church library.

OLBH Parish News

House Keeper Needed

OLBH is looking for someone to clean the rectory twice a month for a total of ten hours for the month. If you are interested, please call the parish office at 787-5168.

Thanksgiving Prayer Service

Please join us, along with the other churches in the Piedmont Valley, on Tuesday, November 23, 2010, from 7:00 – 8:30 pm at the Ramkota, Stagestop Receptions. We will come together to celebrate in Thanksgiving. A collection will be taken up for the Back Pack program at Stagebarn School. After the service there will be a social; please bring treats to share with your follow community members.

World Night of Prayer

Pope Benedict XVI is calling on all Catholics worldwide to join in a vigil for All Nascent Human Life, to be celebrated in local parishes and dioceses on the eve of the Advent Season this year, the Vatican said on Thursday. Holy See's spokesman, Fr, Federico Lombardi released a brief note saying the Pope as usual, will lead, the Vespers in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome on November 27, the eve of the first Sunday of Advent. However, this year, the Vespers will be placed in the context of the "Vigil for Nascent Human Life" in the perspective of the Advent season and the solemnity of the birth of the Lord that follow. Card. Antonio Canizares Llovera, prefect of the Vatican's Congregation for Divine Cult and the Discipline of the Sacraments and Card. Ennio Antonelli, president of the Vatican's Pontifical Council for the Family have sent a letter to the presidents of bishops conferences across the world, inviting local bishops to preside over similar celebrations and prayer initiatives, in spiritual union with the Holy Father in promoting the Church's commitment and witness to a culture of life and love.

Cornerstone Bake Sale

The Cornerstone Rescue Mission ministry will be having a bake sale after each Mass on December 4th and 5th. Funds raised from this bake sale will go to help fund the meals they serve, on the first Tuesday of every month, at the Cornerstone Rescue Mission in Rapid City. Please come and get some baked goods to help support this ministry. For more information, contact Estella Haakedahl at 721-9056.

KC's Spaghetti Dinner

The OLBH Knights of Columbus Council 7079 will be having a spaghetti feed on December 11 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Come join us for Spaghetti, French bread, salad and dessert - coffee, lemonade and water included. Free will offering.

Letting Go for Christmas

A day of reflection on forgiveness will be held on Saturday, December 11 from 9:00 – 3:00 at Our Lady of the Black Hills. This day of reflection is for anyone wanting to let go of sadness, anger, hurts and other negative obsessions as preparation for receiving more abundantly at Christmas. Registration fee of $35.00 includes lunch. Some scholarships are available. Preregistration required by December 3. Interdenominational. Contact Catholic Social Services at 605-348-6086, 800-727-2401 or email: css@rapidnet.com

Christmas Giving Tree

The Giving Tree is now up with tags. Please take a tag and consider this part of your Christmas treasure stewardship. All gifts should be returned no later than December 14th, with the **tags attached, but gifts unwrapped.** All gifts stay in the Piedmont, Black Hawk area. If you know of someone in our area who is in need of Christmas giving, please call Judy at 716-4647 or Dorothy at 787-4509.

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FOCUS Fall Update

Fellowship of Catholic University Students

Greetings from your FOCUS missionary! I am blessed to return to Mount St. Mary's University n Emmitsburg, Maryland, for my second year – this time as team director of our four-member team.

This is the third year that FOCUS has been spreading the love of Christ at "the Mount." With His help and guidance, we are seeing the fruits of our small beginnings. We now have approximately 160 students attending Bible Study each week. By the end of the fall semester, we will have nearly 36 student leaders. Our effort to reach out to athletes through Athlete Bible Studies has been a success, with over 50 student athletes attending our first meeting.

In January, FOCUS will be host four regional conferences, "Answering the Call," in cities across the US. Our conference in Baltimore will be held January 21st through the 23rd. We are working to bring at least 100 students from the Mount. If all goes well, I will play my violin with a group that will lead worship at the conferences in Baltimore and St. Paul, Minnesota. For more information about the conference, please visit www.focusconference.org.

Last week, I traveled to Philadelphia to meet with my regional director and to participate in interviewing candidates interested in becoming FOCUS missionaries. It was truly inspiring to see young college graduates and professionals stepping forward to radically discern serving as missionaries on the college campus.

Please keep us in prayer and we strive to bring Christ to students on the college campus. Thank you for all of your support and prayers. It is you that make our mission to reach college students possible.

You are in my prayers.

~ Leah Sedlacek
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The Lost Sheep

An Update from the Hope for New Life (HFNL) Ministry - The Hope for New Life Ministry focuses on the Lost Sheep of Our Lord's parable regarding the shepherd and his flock. Jesus tells us, "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them–what do you do?

You leave the other ninety-nine sheep in the pasture and go looking for the one that got lost....When you find it, you are so happy that you put it on your shoulders and carry it back home [Luke 15:3-7]." In the case of our ministry, the Lost Sheep are the men and women incarcerated in Pennington County Jail. It is difficult to imagine the loneliness, despair and hopelessness they experience each and every day of their imprisonment. We seek to overcome their loneliness with Christian fellowship; replace their despair with the Gospel's promises; and restore hope. If we can touch just one life–one Lost Sheep - in our jail groups, we rejoice and thank God. And we are touching lives. A twenty year old male inmate shared this prayer with us: "I'm trying to find a new way of life, rather than my old ways. I want to get on my own two feet and do it right..." A young woman prays, "...take the emptiness from me...also this anger and hate..."

If the work our Ministry does touches something deep within you, please contact us to see how you might help in our outreach to the Lost Sheep. To learn more about our ministry, please contact Tony Galles (348-2301) or Mary Sperlich (342-9343).

For the Ride Home

~ By Ted Bergh

Scripture

- You shall shepherd my people Israel (Samuel 5:2)
- I rejoiced because they said, "We will go up to the house of the LORD." (Psalm 122:1)
- For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile all things for him, making peace by the blood of his cross, (Colossians 1:19,20)
- The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." (Luke 23:35)

Reflection

- Where does Jesus shepherd His flock?
- Does Christ the King come to rule your life through imposing His will or changing your will?
- How does Christ as King change the plan for your life?
- How is Christ an alternative king – not your ordinary rule maker?

"Oh God," I said and that was all. But what are the prayers of the whole universe more than expressions of that one cry? It is not what God can give us, but God that we want, (George MacDonald)[1]

[1]Pratt, Lonnie and Homan OSB, Fr Daniel, *Benedicts Way, An ancient Monks's Insights for a Balanced Life,* Loyola Press: Chicago, 2000, p. 40.

From the Diocesan Social Justice Commission

"*Openness to life is at the center of true development*. … The acceptance of life strengthens moral fiber and makes people capable of mutual help. By cultivating openness to life, wealthy peoples can better understand the needs of poor ones, they can avoid employing huge economic and intellectual resources to satisfy the selfish desires of their own citizens, and instead, they can promote virtuous action within the perspective of production that is morally sound and marked by solidarity, respecting the fundamental right to life of every people and every individual."

Pope Benedict XVI, Encyclical letter *Caritas in Veritate* (Charity in Truth), 2009. www.vatican.va

Oblate Workshop Calendar

2010 ~ 2011

December 4: Open prayerful meeting with Sister Marmion, and oblate/s: 9:30 am. to 3:00 pm. Join us in Lecto divina using Advent Scriptures; know that if you have a suggestion for Lectio it will be welcome. Come and bring your Bible. Perhaps you can afford to give a small donation, but if not, consider this a workshop gift, in the spirit of the season. If you cannot follow all the suggested times, just do what you find possible. We hope to see you. Refreshments.

December 11: Centering Prayer, 9:30 am. Oblate Meeting: 12:30 pm. (Council 11:30)

January 8: Centering Prayer, Oblate meeting

January 22: "The Cloud of Unknowing" A joyful DVD presentation by Father William Meninger OCSO, St. Benedict's Monastery, Snow Mass, Colorado. 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, $20.00 includes lunch. Refreshments.

February: 12: Cent. Prayer, Oblates. 19: Scripture Meditations for Lent. 9:30 - 11:00 Refreshments, discussions. $10.00 offering. 12:

March 12 Centering Prayer, Oblate Meeting.
19: Happiness is an inside job. Come to this seminar and learn the Good news about who you really are. 9:30 am - 12 noon. Fee of $10 includes Refreshments. Suggested reading: "Happiness is an Inside Job" by John Powell, s.j.

April: 9 Centering Prayer, Oblates TBA

May 14: Centering Prayer, Oblates 21

News from Around the Diocese

28th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

The Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council 1489 KC's, is having a Thanksgiving Day Dinner on Thursday, **November 25,** from **11:00 am to 1:00 pm** at **St. Elizabeth Seton School** (Corner of 5th St. and Fairmont Blvd., Rapid City). **Please join us. All are welcome! No charge for the meal.**

Share the Joyful Message of Christmas

Catholic Extension offers Christmas cards that can be customized with a family photo and personal greeting. All of the proceeds from the cards will be used to help America's poorest Catholic communities. Parishes from throughout the Diocese of Rapid City have received significant funds from Catholic Extension. This year, one of the cards features a photo of St. Agnes Church in Cox and another card features a photo of St. Isidore in Ralph. To purchase cards, go to www.catholicextension.org or call 877.855.3675.

Choir for Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass

Choir members are needed for the Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass. The Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, December 12, at 1:30 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church in Rapid City. Rehearsals will be held at the church on:

- Saturday, November 27, at 11:00 a.m.
- Saturday, December 4, at 11:00 a.m.
- Friday, December 10, at 5:30 p.m.
- Saturday, December 11, at 6:30 p.m.

On Sunday, December 12, the choir will meet at 12:30 p.m. in the church. For more information, email Katie Severns at Katie@cathedralolph.org.

Immaculate Conception Chapel Centennial Celebration

The Immaculate Conception Chapel will be celebrating its 100th birthday in July 2011. The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Council is looking for interested Catholics to join a committee to help plan for this centennial celebration! If you would like to share your talents and join the committee, please contact *Dave Henderson*, committee chairman @ 718-3775, *Kim Bradsky* @ 341-0777, kbradsky@mac.com or *Deacon Raul Daniel* @ 390-3333, rdaniel@rushmore.com.

Rachel's Corner

With 50 million abortions occurring in the U.S. since 1973, and 1 out of every 2.5 women having an abortion by age 45, the numbers of hurting women and men are staggering. Come and find help and hope on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™.

Struggling with the emotional pain of a past abortion? Healing, hope, and the mercy of Christ are awaiting you at a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™.

Contact Carol Kling for information about area retreats at 605-374-5639 or ckling@sdplains.com or go to the diocesan website: www.rapidcitydiocese.org/Ministries/FamilyLife.htm For more information, contact the national office at 877-467-3463 or www.rachelsvineyard.org.

Curious about what is going on at Terra Sancta? Project updates and photos of the work in progress are online at www.terrasancta.org.

Assistant Youth Director

Paid part-time (20 hours / week) assistant youth director position at Blessed Sacrament Church in Rapid City. Assist with high school *Life Teen* religious education, confirmation, and other youth-related activities. Active faith life required. Interested persons can contact Jenny at 342-3336 or jenny@blessedsacramentchurch.org. The application deadline is November 30, 2010.

A Great Christmas Gift that benefits a Great Cause!

Santa's Prayer is the newest Christmas book by author/storyteller, Tom Roberts created as a benefit for the kids at the Children's Home Society of South Dakota. It is the tale of a young boy and girl who discover Santa praying at a church nativity. What they overhear is Santa's prayer for the children of the world. It is a prayer shared by every Christian parent . . . a prayer of hope that their children will always be mindful of and thankful for the birth of a little baby whose life and legacy has changed the world. Beautifully illustrated by Doug Moss.

'Twas The Night Before Christ is a poetic version of the birth of Christ written by Mr. Roberts while he was stranded at a truck stop during a South Dakota blizzard. The original copies of this book sold out very quickly and prompted a reprinting of it this year to accommodate the numerous requests. Illustrated by Steve Hoffman this story has already become a family Christmas tradition in many homes and churches across the country.

Both are hard-bound books that sell for **$20 each *(includes tax)*** with proceeds to benefit the programs and services at **Children's Home Society of South Dakota** (CHS). Each year, over 2,000 children from all across South Dakota are served by CHS through residential treatment, education, emergency shelter, forensic interview and examinations, foster care and adoption services.

Hear the author share his stories and have your books signed at St. Thomas More High School on Nov. 30th at 7:00 PM!

This Week at Our Lady of the Black Hills

November 22 – 28, 2010

Monday, November 22

Memorial of St. Cecelia, virgin and martyr
Readings: *Revelation 14:1-3, 4-5; Psalms 24:1-4, 5-6; Luke 21:1-4 (red)*
9:00 am: Funeral Mass for Tom Linde
Mass Intention: For the repose of the soul of Tom Linde
3:00 – 7:00 pm: Blood Drive
4:30 pm: Lectio Group

Tuesday, November 23

Readings: *Revelation 14:14-19; Psalms 96:10-13; Luke 21:5-11 (green)*
8:00 am: Daily Liturgy
Mass Intention: For the Repose of Lorraine DeVille
7:00 pm: Piedmont Valley Thanksgiving Service
7:00 pm: Boy Scouts

Wednesday, November 24

Memorial of St. Andrew Dũng-Lac, priest and martyr, and his companions, martyrs
Readings: *Revelation 15:1-4; Psalms 98:1-3, 7-9; Luke 21:12-19 (red)*
8:00 am: Daily Liturgy
Mass Intention: Healing for those who have been affected by sexual abuse.
8:30 am – 8:30 pm: Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 – 8:15 pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation
9:00 am – Noon: Food Pantry
10:00 am: Staff Holy Hour

Thursday, November 25

Readings: *Sirach 50:22-24; Psalms 138:1-5; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Luke 17:11-19 (white)*
8:00 am: Thanksgiving Liturgy
Mass Intention: For Jodi Kaup on her Birthday & Masses for Life
Parish Office Closed – Happy Thanksgiving

Friday, November 26

Readings: *Revelation 20:1-4, 11-21:2; Psalms 84:3-6, 8; Luke 21:29-33 (green)*
Parish Office Closed

Saturday Morning, November 27

Readings: *Revelation 22:1-7; Psalms 95:1-7; Luke 21:34-36 (green)*
9:00 am – Noon: Food Pantry
3:30 – 4:30 pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday Evening, November 27

First Sunday of Advent
Readings: *Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalms 122:1-9; Colossians 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43 (white)*
5:00 pm: Sunday Liturgy
Mass Intention: For the repose of George Senn
6:00 pm: World Day of Prayer Service

Sunday, November 28

Solemnity of Christ the King
Readings: *Second Samuel 5:1-3; Psalms 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5; Colossians 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43 (white)*
9:00 am: Sunday Liturgy
Mass Intention: For Our OLBH Community
10:00 am: Coffee and Rolls (NEED Hosts)
NO Life Night
6:00 pm: Sunday Liturgy
Mass Intention: For Sister M. Giovanni
7:15 pm: RCIA

Question of the Week

Waiting, hoping, and preparing

The Gospel tells us we don't know when the Son of Man will return. If he were to arrive today, would you be ready for him? What is one thing you can do during Advent to prepare for his coming?

Next Weekend's Ministry Schedule

November 27th & 28th, 2010

	Saturday 5:00 pm	Sunday 9:00 am	Sunday 6:00 pm
Bread Baker	Cecilia Keller		
Altar Servers	Jessica Schacher* Kimberly Schacher Tyler Trautman	Hannah Schroeder* Liam Schroeder Savannah Inman	Megan Czmowski* Matthew Van Asma Christopher Van Asma
Precious Body **Precious Blood**	**Beth Anne Ferley** Ken Van Asma Kathy Van Asma Diane Clarke Greg Sass	**Brad Blauvelt** Mary Blauvelt Marty Quinn Dennis Fischer Christine Didriksen	**Michelle Bucholz** Tom Van Asma Betsy Van Asma Phillip Thompson Barb Scherr
Lectors	Carrie Baker David Allardyce	Judy Wilson Pamela Weaver	Joni Osnes Jim Scherr
Sacristans	Joe & Linda Schacher	Bob Weaver	Brad & Tanya McCaskell
Ushers	Benard & Loretta Wiehl	Paul & Billie Inman	Ken & Becky Wentz
Choir	OLBH Family Choir	Regina's Minstrels	The Covenant Band

Intercessory Prayers

Life and Health Concerns

John Bessette (Judy Wilson's brother-in-law)
Pattie Hawkins (Sue Colgan's sister),
Patty Heumiller (Mary Wranek's sister)
Rita Hilbert (Sue Colgan's mother),
Alice Nelson (Terry Nelson's mother)
& **Wayne Swier** (Toni Mastal's son)

Repose of the Soul

Andrew Kramer (Jerome & Beverly Kramer's grandson)
Tom Linde
George Senn (Marcia Senn's husband)

The Collection Basket

October 13th & 14th, 2010

Loose	$ 2407.40
Envelopes	1928.00
Votive	8.00
Student	86.14
Youth	60.00
Adopt a Seminarian	265.00
Other	548.25
Total	$ 5302.79

This weekend's Life Night takes a big picture look at Scripture and salvation history through the lens of covenants. A covenant is a sacred oath or promise between God and His people. Starting with Adam and Eve, God has established a relationship with his people through covenants. In this Life Night, your teen will learn the promise and sign of each covenant and look at the promises God continues to make with us. See CCC56-61 for more information. Possible topic for discussion:

1. Share with your teen why you had them baptized and what that day was like.
2. What is the difference between a promise and a covenant?
3. Why are God's covenants important?